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Attached are copies of two references, including one Japanese patent publication (untranslated) and one U.S. patent, both listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The Japanese patent publication was cited in an Office Action issued in the Japanese application corresponding to the present U.S. application. A copy of the U.S. patent (5,228,086) corresponding to the Japanese publication also is submitted as a reference.

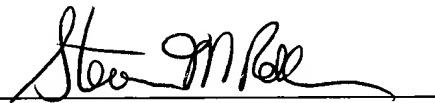
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